

Minutes of the August 16, 2006, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Pfannenstiel.

Present:

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel	Chairman
James D. Boyd	Vice Chairman
John L. Geesman	Commissioner
Jeffrey D. Byron	Commissioner

1. VERNON POWER PLANT PROJECT DATA ADEQUACY RECOMMENDATION AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.

- a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the Vernon Power Plant, a 943-megawatt combined-cycle facility in the City of Vernon, Los Angeles County, Docket 06-AFC-4. Contact: James W. Reede, Jr. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the application be found not to contain adequate data. The vote was unanimous (4-0)*

- b. Possible committee assignment for the Vernon Power Plant Project, Docket 06-AFC-4. Contact: James W. Reede, Jr. (5 minutes)

*No action was taken to appoint a committee as the application is data inadequate at this time.*

2. SOUTH BAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT DATA ADEQUACY RECOMMENDATION AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.

- a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the South Bay Replacement Project, a natural gas-fired, combined-cycle facility with a nominal 500 megawatt output, Docket 06-AFC-3. Contact: Bill Pfanner. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the application be found not to contain adequate data. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

- b. Possible committee assignment for the South Bay Replacement Project, Docket 06-AFC-3. Contact: Bill Pfanner. (5 minutes)

*No action was taken to appoint a committee, as the application is data inadequate at this time.*

3. AVENAL ENERGY PROJECT, DOCKET NO. 01-AFC-20. Possible adoption of an order directing Applicant Federal Power Avenal, LLC, to provide specific information to Commission staff by September 25, 2006. Applicant's failure to file this information on time would terminate the proceeding. Contact: Gary Fay. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded adoption of the order. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

4. CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (CIEE). Possible approval of Work Authorization UC MR-053a for \$395,000 with CIEE, under UC Master Research Agreement Number 500-02-004 with the Regents of the University of California, Office of the President/CIEE. This project will use real-time Phasor Measurement Unit data to improve the accuracy of estimating the status of the transmission system. (PIER FY 04/05 electricity funding) Contact: Jamie Patterson/Merwin Brown. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of Work Authorization UC MR-053a. The vote was unanimous (4-0).*

5. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/CIEE. Possible approval of Amendment 4 to Contract 500-99-013 to add \$2,500,000 to the existing interagency agreement with the University of California. The contract provides technical support services in program planning, project support, and technology transfer for the Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) electricity and natural gas programs. (\$2,000,000 FY 2005/06 PIER electricity/ \$500,000 PIER CY 2006 natural gas funding.) Contact: Beth Chambers. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Amendment 4 to Contract 500-99-013. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

6. CENTER FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES (CEERT). Possible approval of an amendment to PIER contract 500-05-001 with Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies to reduce the amount by \$36,935 and update the scope of work to reflect recent agreements between San Diego Gas & Electric and the Imperial Valley Irrigation District, as well as unanticipated California Public Utilities Commission proceedings and activity at the California Independent System Operator relevant to the scope of this contract. (PIER electricity funding) Contact: Clare Laufenberg. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the amendment to Contract 500-05-001. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

7. ORDER INSTITUTING INFORMATION PROCEEDING (OIIP). Possible approval of an OIIP to gather and assess information for preparation of the 2007 *Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)* and the 2006 *IEPR Update* as required by Public Resources Code section 25302(a) and 25302(d). Contact: Lorraine White (10 minutes.)

*Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the Order. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

## 8. Minutes

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the July 19, 2006 minutes. The vote was 3-0. Commissioner Geesman abstained.*

Approval of the August 2, 2006, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Approval of the August 2, 2006, minutes was put over until the August 30, 2006, meeting as there was not a quorum of members who had been present at the meeting, and thus no vote could be taken to approve the minutes.*

**9. Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion**

*Commissioner Boyd introduced Gordon Schremp of the Fuels and Transportation Division, who gave a presentation, on behalf of the Transportation Committee, concerning the recent Alaska Crude Oil Pipeline Disruption.*

**10. Chief Counsel's Report**

*No report was given. Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain requested a closed session with the Commissioners following the adjournment of the regular session.*

**11. Executive Director's Report**      *None given.*

**12. Legislative Director's Report**      *None given.*

**13. Public Adviser's Report**      *None given.*

**14. Public Comment**      *None.*

**Appearances**

Mr. Krishna Nand, City of Vernon

Mr. Christopher Ellison, of Ellison, Schneider & Harris

Ms. Laura Hunter, Environmental Health Coalition (via telephone)

Mr. Steve Gilliland, Avenal Energy (via telephone)

Mr. G. Braiden Chadwick, Downey Brand, LLP

Mr. Pete Montgomery, BP

Respectfully submitted

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Secretariat